

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 8:30 am
Room: 102

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 5, HB 6, HB 7, HB 8, HB 9, HB 10, HB 360, HB 487, HB 508, HB 659, HB 660

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

HB9 DPAA HB 10 - Finished in Afternoon Meeting
HB 6 DPAA _____
HB 7 DPAA _____
HB 8 DPAA _____

COMMENTS:

REP. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 3/20/09

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Rep. Hiner	X	X
Rep. McNutt	X	
Rep. Villa	X	
Rep. Roberts	X	
Rep. Nooney	X	
Rep. Steenson	X	
Rep. Henry	X	
Rep. McChesney	X	
Rep. Getz	X	
Rep. Hawk	X	
Rep. Kasten	X	
Rep. Morgan	X	
Rep. Hollandsworth	X	
Rep. Ankney	X	
Rep. Pease-Lopez	X	
Rep. Hollenbaugh	X	
Rep. Mehlhoff	X	
Rep. Jones	X	
Rep. Glaser	X	
Chairman Sesso	X	



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 20, 2009

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 6** (first reading copy – white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: _____

Representative Jon C. Sesso, Chair

C. J. Miner

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 10.

Following: line 9

Insert: "AN IMMEDIATE"

Strike: "DATES"

Insert: "DATE"

2. Page 1, line 25.

Strike: "\$5,085,798"

Insert: "\$8,654,593"

3. Page 2, line 4.

Strike: "or for planning grant projects"

Following: "projects."

Insert: "Any remaining project funds may be used for any renewable resource program projects authorized under this section or for reclamation and development program projects authorized by the 61st legislature in House Bill No. 7."

4. Page 9, line 22 through line 24.

Strike: section 7 in its entirety

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval."

- END -

Committee Report of LRP to HAC

1 & 4 - Changes for the change in effective dates.

Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

HB0006001SC.hjd

2 - Change of appropriation to agree with HB 645 transfer of \$4.1 million (though not yet amended in HB 645) and reductions required by changes of HJR 2.

3 - Allows fund in the natural resource projects account to fund projects both in RRGL and RDGP.



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 7** (first reading copy – white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: _____

Representative Jon C. Sesso, Chair

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And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 9.

Following: "AN"

Insert: "IMMEDIATE"

2. Page 1, line 17.

Strike: "\$5,012,865"

Insert: "\$6,227,122"

3. Page 1, lines 19 and 20.

Following: "grants" on line 19

Strike: remainder of line 19 through "38" on line 20

4. Page 1, line 30.

Following: "funding."

Insert: "Any remaining project funds may be used for reclamation and development planning grants authorized under [section 1] or renewable resource program projects authorized by the 61st legislature in House Bill No. 6."

5. Page 2, lines 24 and 25.

Strike: lines 24 and 25 in their entirety

6. Page 3, lines 11 and 12.

Strike: lines 11 and 12 in their entirety

7. Page 3, line 26.

Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

HB0007001SC.hjd

Following: line 25

Insert: "(3) If the Reliance Refinery Cleanup is fully funded in House Bill No. 2, then the grant request for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Reliance Refinery) project in subsection (2) is withdrawn."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

8. Page 4, line 24.

Strike: "July 1, 2009"

Insert: "on passage and approval"

- END -

Committee Report of LRP to HAC

1 & 8 - Changes in the effective date.

2 - Change of appropriation to agree with HB 645 transfer of \$3.5 million and reductions required by changes of HJR 2.

3 - Eliminates unnecessary language.

4 - Allows fund in the natural resource projects account to fund projects both in RDGP and RRGL.

5 - Eliminates the DEQ, Energy Reclamation Project, because it is fully funded elsewhere.

6 - Eliminates the PSC, Geologic Evaluation of Potential Sites for Compressed Air Energy Storage in Montana project, as requested by PSC.

7 - Allows DNRC to withdraw the grant request for the reliance refinery project if the project remains funded in HB 2.



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 8** (first reading copy – white) do pass as amended.

Signed: _____

Representative Jon C. Sesso, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon C. Sesso".

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 25.

Strike: "\$473,000"

Insert: "\$508,370"

2. Page 2, line 7.

Strike: "project"

Insert: "projects"

Following: "is"

Strike: "4.5%"

Insert: "3%"

3. Page 2, line 11.

Strike: "\$572,000"

Insert: "\$600,000"

4. Page 2, line 12.

Following: line 11

Insert: "Refinance Existing Debt or Rehabilitation of Existing
Water or Wastewater Facilities \$3,000,000"

5. Page 2, line 12.

Insert: "(3) The interest rate for the project in this group is
3% or the rate at which the state bonds are sold, whichever
is lower, for up to 13 years.

Loan

Amount

Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ____

HB0008001SC.hjd

DALY DITCHES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Republican Canal Diversion Dam Replacement \$268,815"
Renumber: subsequent subsections

6. Page 2, line 24.
Strike: "\$9,635,920"
Insert: "\$13,158,795"

7. Page 2, line 25.
Strike: "\$4,910,266"
Insert: "\$7,973,636"

8. Page 2, line 26.
Strike: "\$1,256,859"
Insert: "\$1,716,364"

- END -

Committee Report of LRP to HAC

1 - Bitter Root Irrigation District has requested an increase in their loan authorization from \$473,000 to \$508,370 to cover bond costs.

This action will cost the state nothing.

2 - Changes the word "project" to "projects"

3 - Reduces interest rate for loan reauthorizations from 4.5% to 3.0%

4 Mill Creek Irrigation District has requested that their loan reauthorization be

increased from \$572,000 to \$600,000. They also request that the interest rate be reduced from 4.5% to 3.0% for 20 years.

Fiscal Impact

To decrease the interest rate on \$600,000 from 4.5% to 3.0% would cost the state \$115,926 over the 20-year loan term.

5. DNRC requests that loans for up to \$3,000,000 as authorized in 2005

HB 8 be reauthorized for the same terms. The \$3,000,000 would potentially be used to refinance existing public debt or rehabilitate existing public water and wastewater facilities at 3% or the state's bond rate, whichever is lower, for up to 20 years. DNRC would loan this money to public entities for projects or refinances that do not qualify for SRF funding. An example is a dam that stores water for a public water system such as Basin Creek Dam south of Butte.

- '6. Daly Ditches Irrigation District (ID) has requested a reduction in the interest rate on Loan No. WDL-02-3374 for the remaining 13 years of their loan payments. This loan was for \$364,000 at an interest rate of 4.48% for 20 years. The loan was initially authorized for up to \$730,691 at the state's bond rate for 20 years in 1999 HB 8 and reauthorized in 2001 HB 8 for the same terms. The interest rate in HB8 would be reduced from 4.5% to 3% for the remaining term of the loan.

Daly Ditches ID has been paying on the loan in semi-annual payments since 5/12/02. The outstanding balance is \$268,815.43.

Fiscal Impact

A decrease in the interest rate from 4.48% to 3.0% on the balance of the loan would cost the state \$30,948 in interest subsidies over the remaining 13 years of the original 20-year term.

Amendments 7 - 10. Bonding authority is increased accordingly in Section 3.



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 9** (first reading copy – white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: _____

Representative Jon C. Sesso, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Representative Jon C. Sesso.

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 23.

Strike: "\$809,400"

Insert: "\$839,400"

2. Page 2, line 26.

Strike: "\$5,000"

Insert: "\$10,000"

3. Page 3.

Following: line 6

Insert: "1422 Helena Symphony Orchestra & Chorale \$20,000"

4. Page 4, line 17.

Strike: "\$10,300"

Insert: "\$15,300"

- END -

Committee Report of LRP to HAC

Amendment 1-Increases the total appropriation to the Montana arts council by \$30,000 for the changes of the following three amendments.

Amendment 2-Increases the grant authorization for the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library by \$5,000.

Committee Vote:

Yes 18, No 2

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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Amendment 3-Adds a grant authorization for the Helena Symphony Orchestra & Chorale for \$20,000.

Amendment 4-Increases the grant authorization for the MonDak Historical and Art Society by \$5,000.

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 659

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Don Roberts

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Tom Schneider	MPEA	X		
David Senn	TRS	X		
Tom Blodgett	NSA-WFT	X		
Francine Thompson	PEPB / MPEA	X		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 360

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Mary Caferro

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Appropriations
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date 3-20-09

Bill No. HB 660 Sponsor(s) A. NOONAN

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Bob Gilbert	MUSSEL SHEN CO. Rd. Rosebud Co		X	
<i>Per Fischer</i>	<i>DNRC</i>			
Ray Sealf	DNRC	X 6, 7, 11		
Todd O'Hair	RTED		X	
Dick Inversen	Self			
Jim Salvold	Self			
David Cole	Commerce	X		Inf.
Bud Clark	mic		X	
<i>James Jones</i>	<i>Superior</i>		X	
Don Oller	WEPA		X	
Duane Pashinger	DPHHS	X		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 487

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Walter McNutt

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Jon Bennion	MT Chamber	X		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 508

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Bob Lake

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 8

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Walter McNutt

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Alvin Shultz	DNR	✓		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 6

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Walter McNutt

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<i>Alire Stank</i>	<i>DNKC</i>	<i>✓</i>		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 7

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Walter McNutt

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<i>Alice Skunk</i>	<i>DNRC</i>	<i>✓</i>		

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Mar. 20th 09

Bill No. HB 660

- Sponsor(s) Rep. Art Noonan

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<i>William Dahl</i>	<i>MSDC</i>		X	

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